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To: Commissioner for Patents
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March 1, 2004

Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision dated October 29, 2003, of the Primary Examiner finally rejecting claims 1, 4, 7-11 and 13-22.

The items checked below are appropriate:

1. XX A petition for an extension of time to respond to the final rejection was filed on March 1, 2004, for one month.
2. XX A timely response to the final rejection has been filed, as provided in 841 O.G. 1411.
3. XX Fee \$ 330.00 or Small Entity \$165.00

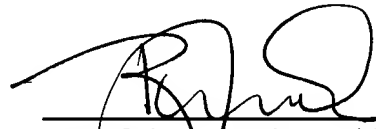
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In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, applicant hereby petitions for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for this extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 111833, along with any other additional fees which may be required with respect to this paper.



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